Existing Installations Inspection Guidelines

First of all, what's "existing"? An existing installation must have existed at least one year or more to be considered existing. Any plumbing installation from one year ago to the present is to be considered a new installation and will be inspected as such. After the code is revised, the code in effect at the time of installation will be enforced.

Situation	Replace	Allow	Comments
No traps on fixtures	X		
2. No vent or undersized vent,	Х		
fixture traps losing trap seal.			
3. No vent or undersized vent, fixture traps not losing trap seals.		X	
4. Clear water receptor receiving sanitary wastes.	X		It is an environmental risk to allow sanitary wastes to discharge to clearwater (storm) drains. The exceptions to this are listed in Comm 82.36 (3) (b).
5. More than 20 gal/day clear water discharge to sanitary. For example: floor drain to storm sump or clearwater sump at floor level.		X	If a local municipality has a condition that the situation puts the wastewater treatment plant at risk, the local will have the authority to order replacement. On a POWTS system, the owner should be made aware that additional hydraulic loads may affect the longevity of the system.
6. Sanitary or storm sumps too close to wells.	Х		The well or the sump may be moved. In this case, the owner may petition to allow the installation to remain. The petition for an existing installation to remain would be filed with the DNR. To petition an alteration of the sump that will not meet code compliant setback requirements, the owner must petition Commerce.
7. Building drains or building sewers too close to wells.	X		The well or the building drains may be moved. In this case, the owner may petition to allow the installation to remain. The petition for an existing installation to remain would be filed with DNR. To petition an alteration of the sewer that will not meet code compliant setback requirements, the owner must petition Commerce.
8. No floor drain existing in below grade basements with fixtures or appliances.		Х	
Non compliant water distribution materials.	X		The owner may file a petition with the products section to allow the non-

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			compliant water distribution material to remain. If no petition is filed, the water distribution system is considered a health hazard.
Non compliant drain and vent materials (no leaks or breaks evident)		X	
11. Dirt floor basements with fixtures or appliances.		Х	
12. Water heater discharging to crawl spaces or through the outside wall.	Х		
13. Cross connections in the water system.	Х		
14. Cross connection control devices or methods that were approved in the past but are currently not code compliant.		Х	

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